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THE EARL OF DALHOUSIE.

DR. RAMSAY

WITH respect, presents to those Ladies and Gentlemen who honour him with their attention—the following PROSPECTUS OF LECTURES.

"*See this day, I have set before thee, life and good—and death and evil.*"—DEUT. XXX. 15.

"*Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit.*"—COL. II. 8.

LECTURE FIRST.

General view of the continually decomposible ingredients of the present material system—Experiments on some substances, in support of the idea of the Indistructability of matter—Remarks on the Atmospheric and Solar influence—Gaseous Fluids—Life-Stimuli—the notions wherein Religion, Health, or practical principles are concerned, will be introduced in their place.

LECTURE SECOND.

Doctrine of Plants and other living organized bodies,

continued from the sacred morning of Creation, seemingly still in the same state of perfection as when they proceeded from the finger of the Almighty. Man seems an exception to original perfection—hence a fall has taken place.—Philosophy of the Moss tribes. Benificent influence of Plants in correcting the atmosphere. Plants exhibit the phenomena of Life, Organization, Irritability, continuation of species—but no consciousness, no spirit, do not sleep, &c. Integuments of Plants, Fruits, Roots, &c. explained as preserving their substance from decomposition, wisdom of this, Medical remarks on using coarse bread, skins of Fruit, &c. Brute tribes considered in their arborescent analogy, compared with plants—they exhibit the phenomena of Life, Organization, Irritability, continuation of species—consciousness from possessing a spirit—they sleep—possess innate ideas and language—are exempted from many human evils—rarely blind or deaf for life; never fatuitous, never mad—distinction between madness and hydrophobia—cases of Hydrophobia mentioned—treatment—proposed experiment on brutes—on criminals sentenced to death, &c.—Wisdom of Deity in bestowing a peculiar structure on the eyelids of quadrupeds and birds, which nestle, by which means they are sealed up for a few days, thus forming a habit of domestication—on the contrary some are born with open eye, and follow the Dam.—Peculiar character of the Dove produced in pairs—hence the emblem of chastity and fidelity. Brutes are directed by their organs—specimens shewn—do not improve by old age, &c.—Wisdom of God, in the Herbiferous, Omniverous, and carniverous animals—the last and insects prevent the danger of putresant matter.

LECTURES THIRD AND FOURTH.

Man a Trinity—defination of Life—organs—Soul Passions—Appetites defined—the delight our adorable Creator has annexed to the duties required, occasion excess.—Intemperance, the excess of virtuous indulgence, &c.—Contrast of the organs of life which never sleep; and those actuated by the Soul which ought to sleep the third part of existence. In God we live, move, and have our being, explained from anatomical and physiological data.—Man compared in his general Analogy respecting Plants and other Animals—some general principles are indispensable to all organised living agents, as Arbourescence, Vessels, Lungs, Stomach, &c.—the wisdom and power of God evinced in the peculiar deviations which distinguish Individual species —Each creature is equally felicitous in what they know and are ignorant of, man excepted.—Instanced in the solicitude of the Babe.—Directions for Mothers—no dandling, &c.—Natural and oral language in rearing the Infant.—Cunning of the babe in acquiring his own wishes with foolish parents.—Our ever blessed Lord sets up a child as the emblem of Docility—hence the accountability to God for offspring. How, physically and intellectually, *without God's immediate interference*, the sin or virtue of the parent is visited on the third and fourth generation. Universalism and Uniterianism —the System of the world— Empires, families and individuals, are furnished with a constitution from the finger of the Creator, which occasion their safety in the path of efficiency, or their destruction in the avenue of transgression. Our heaven or hell commence in this life, and the body is so exquisitely constructed, that whenever we eat, drink, or do any thing unconnected

with the glory of God, the soul is scourged by the deranged organs. Our body does not feel—our soul feels; seeming mystery that soul suffers torture from material organs—? but does she not from the same principal experience, pleasure? demonstration of causation physically and intellectually respecting pain and pleasure, only different modifications of action. In proportion as the arts, sciences, and general information increase, States are in jeopardy, if religion does not improve in proportion—and human bodies are in continual danger, from excess of appetite or passion, which covulses the heart, and thrills through the marvellous dark recess of the brain, where the soul experiences the least agitation of material action. in the phenomena of intellectual cognizance.—Physiognomy introduced as the detecting medium of the early passions in children—Man the only creature that smiles, laughs, weeps, blushes, or experiences shame—the different periods characterised, and methods of education pointed out—the developement of the Soul's powers—its Immaterial phenomena, &c. will be detailed—the Soul injured by indiscreet use of stimuli—Man the only animal addicted to the excessive use of stimuli—Three species of stimuli defined—Man exhibits the phenomena of other animals, in some respects, but is led by Soul, not organs, as the brute tribes; possess innate appetites, passions and devotion*—no Innate ideas of the True God or His Worship—Hence the bliss of Revelation.

LECTURE 5th, *When Gentlemen under 20 years of age cannot be admitted*

Dr. R. will describe some diseases, their causes, and cure, published in London, and not seemingly in the possession of Medical Gentlemen.

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* *The Child never Mad—Adults only experience Madness.*